

Department of Licensing Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board



Advisory Board Meeting Minutes December 5, 2008 Lacey Licensing Service Office 7:00 pm

1. Call to order - 7:15 pm

2. Introduction of Board members –

- Philip Tribuzio, Ron Wagner, Larry Walker, Chet Pennington, and Mike Gilbert were all present.

3. Review and approval of the minutes from the last meeting –

- Approved

4. Old Business –

- No new business

5. New Business –

- 2008 Final Report for WMSP
 1. Meeting our goals and plans for the future
- Handout #1

Shows endorsements grow consistently while fatalities stay pretty consistent showing some success.
- Handout #2

Shows renewal projection predict reduction while originals are growing steadily while we get closer to a standard of one to one with motorcycles registrations.
- Handout #3

Shows nonsubsidized versus subsidized safety classes, it reflects 2200 for the calendar year (January to December) 2006-07 and 2700 for 2007-08.
- Handout #4

Shows the number of new instructors, Kyle was given a task to train and graduate 100 new instructors. He trained and graduated 87 certified instructors while training 117. We are still recruiting for more instructors and Kyle has set his own goal to train and certify 100 by the end of 2009. WSMP also is offering a one day orientation class for interested riders who want or may want to become instructors.
- Steve supplied a spreadsheet to the board.

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Request for Proposal (RFP) will be different this year; it hopefully will encourage smaller counties to open smaller ranges. The goal is to find smaller schools to with the potential for more training and manageable growth. The spreadsheet shows what 10 and 20% cuts would do to training, and it would cut about 5000 subsidized students. If they cut 20% of WSMP's budget that would be a loss of 14190 subsidized students in the 2009-11 biennium.

Generalized budget cuts are not specific at this time. The law states the monies allotted must stay in motorcycle safety and 65% of WSMP's budget is subsidized. Each training site or physical address will have its own contract.

The RFP is not ready to date because of changes to the verbiage and language. Pacific Northwest Motorcycle Safety (PNW) & Puget Sound Safety (PSS) do not believe that they would see a drop in nonsubsidized classes since they are in the bigger metropolitan areas.

6. Comments from the Board –

- Phil asked about the fail rate.
Steve replied that those that do not complete or fail at the end are at about 20% while retests are at about 75%. The rate for fails is higher when testing at the licensing services offices. There are no statistics at this time for "Drops", and because of the size of our staff we can only track the completion rate. Dave Wendell from PNW stated that about 8% of people who register for a safety course either drop, opt out, or counsel out.
Ron asked what the percentage of women to men was when it comes to the failure rate. Dave said it was slightly higher for women and the drop rate was higher than the failure rate and women analysis and over think more than men, while Bret Tkacs from PSS said that it was not usually the suggestion from an instructor since they (instructor) encourage them to keep trying.
Steve explained that the number of fatalities for women are less than men and are usually the passenger not the rider. Women make up 24% of all bike sales.
- Phil asked if there has been any discussion with WDOT regarding vinyl crosswalk striping since they can really get nasty when they're wet.
Steve told him that the Task Force had looked into it and there was not a lot of interaction with them but that Washington Traffic Safety Administration's assessment will be helpful when we get it. Phil asked if would be helpful and Chet said it would.
- Ron told of his and Phil's visit to Marysville Middle School where they talked to about 20 students and told them about his bike, riding with the correct gear, using signals properly, and safety aspects of riding a bike, the felt it was a success and would be very interested in going to any school to do it again. Larry asked if it was freelanced or prepared, Ron said it was freelanced with the Chief of Police from Marysville. Steve said he would contact the Superintendent of Public Instruction to see if we can get something started with schools, but they

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will have to see how it would work.

- Larry asked if WMSP knew of any new legislation was coming. Steve said the only thing he knew of was the reclassification of electric cars and Phil said there was noise legislation for off road riders. Dave Wendell said the City of Seattle sent correspondence regarding noise and ticket violators using their RCWs. Chet said noise was not a priority for WSP. Jeff White asked if there was a federal requirement on a bike when manufactured and the consensus of the room that there was and Phil said it was an EPA standard. Bret Tkacs said education is the most important and riders need to put themselves into check and it is our duty to protect our own rights by educating. Larry feels it would be a good idea to add information regarding noise into the training courses. Pat Barnes said that computer chips installed on a bike will shut the bike down if the bike has modified pipes and that they use that in Europe.

7. Public Forum –

- No comments
- Next Meeting- Friday, March 6, 2009 – Lacey Licensing Office

8. Adjourn - 9:23 pm